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**Subject:** RE: Hearing Officer for Outer Continental Shelf Public Hearing  
**Attachments:** OCS Hearing Statement.docx

Tom, attached is the hearing statement for the hearing Thursday for you to review. Also, is there anything that I need to include in the powerpoint as far as instructions for testimony etc go? I used a previous powerpoint as a template and it included the language below. Please let me know if I need to update this info for this particular hearing. Thanks.

## Instructions for giving testimony

Hearing Officer: Jay  
Przyborski Attorney,  
EPA Region 6

- › If you would like to provide Public Testimony, please CALL – 844 277-1775 and use conference ID 9473297 to join the call. After you have joined the call please PRESS \*1 (Star 1) on your telephone keypad to join the Public Testimony Queue.
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- › Speakers will be heard in the order they signed up. Before it is your turn to speak, the operator will announce your name and ask you to begin.
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- › Each speaker will be given THREE MINUTES to provide testimony. When three minutes have passed, the Hearing Officer will say the words “THREE MINUTES.” At this time, please conclude your remarks as quickly as possible. If you do not very quickly conclude your remarks, the operator will mute your line and announce the next speaker.
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- › If there is time remaining after the hearing officer has taken all testimony, speakers who were not able to finish in the allotted three minutes will have an opportunity to conclude their remarks. Oral testimony will be given the same weight as written comments, so if your remarks are lengthy, please consider submitting them as provided in the public notice. EPA will continue to accept written comments through January 11, 2021.

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Thank you both. When it's set up, please forward me the Teams number for the public hearing portion. Again, many thanks.

-Tom

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Until today, just 5 people have registered. Nobody wants to speak at the Virtual Public Hearing so far.

I will send an invite to do a practice run early next week to fine tune anything we need before the Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing.

Thanks,

Ruben Alayon-Gonzalez  
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On for 9/1 per your request. PN at: <https://www.epa.gov/tx/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-general-permit-new-and-existing-sources-and-new>

Ruben: How many signed up so far?

Sincerely,

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Hello all. Any update on the date/time of the public hearing? Would you also please provide me the public notice? Thanks in advance. -Tom

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Usually have someone do a short statement on the permit, when it was public noticed, when comment period ends, where docs available, etc. (no more than one page long).

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Hi Brent. Looking forward to working with you and the team again. Thursday September 1 would be best for me. Please let me know. Does anyone plan to speak at the public hearing portion at 7 pm beyond me and the public commenters? If so please let me know who so I can add to my opening remarks. Thanks. -Tom

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Tom:

We are going to hold a virtual public hearing (TEAMS) for the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Exploration and Production general permit – which was announced would be 30-45 days following the July 22, 2022, FR publication with details to follow. We had also planned on some in person Meetings/Hearings but have run into problems on getting a meeting location that would meet the federal contracting requirements, so will proceed with at least the virtual Public Meeting and Public Hearing that was announced.

The Public Meeting would be approximately 5:00-6:30 PM and the Public Hearing 7:00-9:00 PM (probable times, final times TBD). We are looking at Tuesday September 6 or Wednesday September 7 or possibly Wednesday August 31 or Thursday September 1.

We need a Hearing Officer for the OCS Public Hearing in order to finalize plans – do any of these dates work for you?

From FR Notice:

## **Public Meetings and Public Hearings**

Public meetings and hearings on the proposed permit will be held during the comment period approximately 30 to 45 days after the date of this notice. Times, places and instructions for virtual participation will be announced online at the EPA Public Notices pages for Texas and Louisiana at <https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices>. The meetings will include a presentation on the proposed permit followed by the opportunity for questions and answers. The public hearings will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend one of the public hearings may still submit written comments, which have the same weight as comments made at the public hearing, through the end of the public comment period.

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